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Comments:

Inventor(s): Noda et al.

S.N.: 10/051,723

Filed: January 17, 2002

Case: 8487M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/051,723  
Applicant(s) : Isao Noda et al.  
Filed : January 17, 2002  
Title : Fibers Comprising Polyhydroxyalkanoate  
Copolymer/Polylactic Acid Polymer Or Copolymer Blends  
TC/A.U. : 1713  
Examiner : Patricia A. Short  
Conf. No. : 8629  
Docket No. : 8487M  
Customer No. : 27752

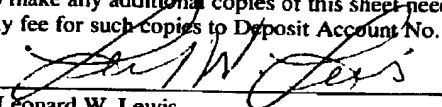
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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110 for a one-month extension of time.
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of January 29, 2004, the time for response being extended by one month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including June 1, 2004 (May 29, 2004 falls on a Saturday and May 31, 2004 is a federal holiday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 7 of this paper.

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